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Photo provided by Matt Davy

Drivers in the 1995 Saint Joseph's College Little 500 make their laps. Due to the construction of the Core Education Center, last year was the first year that a smaller course was used.

Senate hears plans for Core XI

by Jeffrey Kirch

For days now, many students have been hearing rumors of proposed changes to Core XI.

On Monday, April 15, a proposal authored by Ryan Koppelman was presented to the Student Senate.

The plan called for, "...making every student of SJC an eligible member of Core XI, renovating the area of lower level Halleck which Core XI currently occupies, that Core XI remain a club which serves alcohol, and the the bar area be seperated from the community area."

Vice President of Student Affairs, when asked about the legality of turning the bar into a underage club

said, "...that it is the local community (SJC) rules that limit the membership to over 21 years olds."

The proposal was not favorably received by many of the students in the gallery. The majority of the students in the gallery were seniors.

A motion to postpone the vote was given by the Governor of Halas, Val Pflum, but was defeated.

In fact, when the final vote was called, after forty-five minutes of debate, Senate President Rachel Hempel called the gallery out of order and ultimately asked them to leave.

The gallery declined to leave causing further difficulty with the vote.

Eventually, the proposal passed the senate.

The gallery was given a limited amount of time to speak. In that time, many asked rethorical questions.

Jim Sacco, senior, said, "Where is the money going to come from? Will SUB have to sacrifice money? What about the pressure for over 21 year olds to buy alcohol for minors? Is it worth the risk of losing the liquor license? We voted you (the current SA administration) in on a pledge to restore tradition."

Senators in favor of the proposal cited its community aspected and the desperate need for a "week-end hangout."

New enrollment dean announced

"You can't count on only admissions for recruitment"

by Julia Garcia

David Hoover, current director of financial aid, has accepted a new position at Saint Joseph's College. Next fall, Hoover will become the Dean of Enrollment Management, a new managerial position that will attempt to bring the areas of financial aid, admissions, and athletics "under one umbrella" in order to coordinate enrollment activities.

Hoover's goal as Dean of Enrollment Management will be to "bring about better coordination and organization to enhance recruitment efforts." His major duties will include the coordination of enrollment activities and budgetary control of the admissions, athletics, and financial aid departments.

A major task for Hoover will be to create a "total enrollment management pack-

age" that will attract prospective students to Saint Joseph's College by coordinating and combining activities from the financial aid, admissions, and athletic departments.

"You can't count on only admissions for recruitment," stated Hoover. The recruitment process also encompasses financial aid and admissions, as well as other departments on campus.

Under Hoover, "strong, viable programs" involving the three areas will be created in an effort to strengthen the recruiting process at Saint Joseph's College.

Hoover, who has worked in financial aids for twenty-one years, will still be "involved in financial aid but in a supervising way." Dianne Mickey, his current assistant, is slated to direct the financial aid office this fall.

**Special to The
Observer: A Little
500 insert is included
in this final issue of
The Observer.**

Aluminum Recycling? SJC needs to improve existing programs

by Rachel Barlage

When painting Little 5 bridges at the barns behind the soccer field this week, I came upon a disturbing discovery. After carrying Coke cans back to campus from China Garden and scolding friends for not recycling their weekend beer cans, I saw a large pile of green and clear plastic bags filled with...yes, that's right, all of our "recycled" cans.

Even more distressing than the mound of bags were the cans scattered around the floor of the barn and even in the field behind the barns.

Is this what students envision when they drop their cans in the recycling bins on campus? It certainly isn't the image I had in mind when I picked through trash cans on the way to the bathroom and put discarded cans in the blue bin or peeled labels off of Spaghetti-O's cans and rinsed them out to recycle them.

With Earth Day coming up on April 22nd, it is an especially fitting time to bring this issue to the attention of students. I do not know what eventually happens to the cans, but surely there is a better method of transporting them to a recycling center than allowing them to litter someone's yard.

A few students told me that they believed the cans are turned in every once in a while and the school keeps the money earned from the aluminum.

Perhaps a better idea would be to give the money

acquired from the cans to the Environmental Club so that they can work to increase recycling programs on campus. The fact that Saint Joe's does not have a paper recycling program is ridiculous, and it physically pains me each time I have to throw away a shampoo bottle or a glass container.

We definitely need to offer more substantial recycling programs and to improve the one area of recycling that we supposedly offer. However, until such programs are available, there are steps that students can take on their own to recycle.

For example, I always give my old paper to my friend Vicky, who takes it home and recycles it, instead of throwing it away. Students who have paper recycling programs at home or have friends who do should take advantage of the opportunity to recycle their paper.

A friend also suggested that students take empty shampoo bottles and laundry detergent containers to the home of a professor who has curbside recycling (with permission, of course).

Another solution to the lack of plastic recycling is to collect bottles and plastic containers and then build a huge sculpture with them in front of the Core building. This would bring attention to your artistic abilities as well as the need for increased and improved recycling programs. Most importantly, students need to express an interest in recycling. We need to let it be known that we will not tolerate such low standards for recycling programs.

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Catholicism at Saint Joe's: A Response to an Opinion

Dear Editor,

I would like to defend the article by Will Shannon (in the March 21 issue of *The Observer*) about the Catholic identity of Saint Joe's. Shannon showed an appreciation and love for his Catholic tradition. He was willing to speak publicly about it besides. All too often one meets the attitude: "Catholic? Who cares. Those obsolete, rigid ideas I trashed with some of the other things from my childhood." A person like Shannon, who speaks from conviction about the Catholic tradition, at the risk of taking an unpopular position, wins my applause.

Will's idea of giving a preference to Catholic applicants in my estimation is over-stated. It is certainly not the issue at the moment when there is plenty of room at Saint Joe's for anyone who wants to attend.

On the other hand, we have to admit that a Catholic college does need a significant number of students, faculty, and staff who are Catholic, positive about it, take their Catholicism seriously, and see it as an especially valid way to pursue truth.

This does not imply an elite attitude of exclusion. Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics should know that most authentic Catholicism is respectful and open to the ideas of others. This openness is part of the Council's teaching about the dignity of every human being. Catholics should also know how desperately the Council calls for unity within all human endeavors.

All who seek truth should be embraced and welcomed at a Catholic college. But such openness also requires that the Catholics know their own identity and have some dedication to it. Otherwise no serious coming together in the pursuit of truth can occur.

The uninformed, uncaring Catholic attending a Catholic college contributes little to Catholic identity. Nor will that person be able to bring a Catholic insight to dialogue with others. Instead the person will contribute to the general malaise in which religion is rather generic and does not mean much in the modern world.

Sincerely,

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Chaplain

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Graduation Schedule

Thursday, May 2, 1996

Diploma Signing Senior Party: 6:00-8:00pm at the President's Home. The Puma Bus will be making regular runs between Halleck Center South and the President's Home at 215 E. Thompson Street.

Friday, May 3, 1996

Graduation Portraits: 10:00am - 3:00pm, Halleck Center North Lounge (Cap and Gown portraits to commemorate graduation)

Senior Brunch: 11:00am - 1:00pm, Halleck Ballroom, for seniors, faculty, and administrators. Senior Class awards will be announced at this time. (No charge to seniors and SJC community members; \$5.00 per guest)

Senior Dance (Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres): 9:00pm - 1:00am, Halleck Ballroom; semi-formal for seniors, guests, faculty, and administrators. (No charge to seniors and SJC community members; \$8.00 per guest)

Saturday, May 4, 1996

Lake Banet Picnic: 11:30am - 1:00pm at Lake Banet Park for seniors, family, and friends. (No charge to seniors and SJC community members; \$4.00 per guest)

Baccalaureate Mass: 5:00pm, Fieldhouse. Seniors line up in Halleck Ballroom at 4:45pm.

President's Reception/Dance: 9:00pm - 1:00 am, Halleck Ballroom (cash bar and refreshments); semi-formal dress. Senior Slide Show, 10:00pm.

Sunday, May 5, 1996

Buffet Brunch: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Halleck Cafeteria (\$5.00 students, faculty, staff, and children under 12; all others \$7.00).

Commencement Ceremony: 1:00pm on the Chapel Lawn (Fieldhouse if inclement weather). Seniors line up in the Halleck Ballroom at 12:15pm.

Graduates' Reception: CEC Foyer, immediately following Commencement.

Note: Attire for seniors participating in Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises is pants, shirt, tie for men; skirt/dress for women.

Day student lounge delayed

by Becky Johnson

All semester there has been talk about the Day Students of SJC trying to find a place to serve their needs. Unfortunately, even with the help of encouraging people like Jennifer Abbassi, Brian Capouch, Linda Deno, Bill Maniscalco, Greg Potts, Chad Pulver, David Sokol and many other individuals, the Day Student lounge has yet again been placed aside.

One student suggested that "...the Day students might as well be happy with what they are given because nothing is going to really change at this campus."

On March 19, 1996, the Day student senators and governor submitted a written proposal to the Student Senate citing five reasons why a lounge is necessary.

First, "It will be an

attractive place that will undoubtedly draw many day students to it. It will also be a place dedicated solely for day student use."

Communication is the second reason. The proposal says, "Not only will day students get to know each other better, but also, the day student governors and senators will be able to better know the needs of their constituents."

The third item on the list is, "The lounge will be a cozy and relaxing place to study or unwind."

The fourth reason is, "If equipped with computers, it will also allow day students to complete papers, write e-mail to their friends, or complete other assignments..."

Finally, the proposal said, "It will help to unite the day students and will cause the day students to appreciate



1995 graduates prepare to process to the Chapel Lawn. Graduation will be held May 5 at 1:00pm. Photo provided by PHASE.

College priorities council established

by Ashley Pierce

With the ending of SJC's Centennial Campaign, the completion of the Core Building, the adoption of a revised faculty governance and a three year budget projection for Saint Joseph's, the focus has been shifted to an institutional planning process.

Early in April, an Institutional Planning and Priorities Council (IPPC) was formed to address institutional goals. According to the Council's Chairman, Professor John Groppe, "Skip wants to get representatives from all different areas of the college-faculty, trustees, vice presidents, alumni, students, administrators, college employees-to consider the needs of the college over the next five

to ten years."

A smaller division of the council, a Steering Committee, has been formed to plan meetings of the entire council. "The first meeting of the entire council is scheduled for May 9, at an off-campus location. It will be a working retreat," commented Groppe.

The IPPC has a variety of members from all areas of the college. The student representatives are SA President Chad Pulver and SA Vice President Rachel Mahns. According to Groppe, the student representatives are there to "address students' needs and hopes."

According to the IPPC, the function of the council is "to develop a shared vision statement

owned by the entire college community, establish an institutional planning process, determine institutional priorities, facilitate cross departmental conversations throughout the college, set measurable goals and designate accountable persons for those goals, determine how the plan and priorities shape the college budget, and forward the institutional plans to the President and the Board of Trustees."

Groppe has high hopes for the newly formed council, and is glad to be a part of it. "I was honored to be asked to chair this activity. It is a great opportunity for me to give something back to the college," he stated.

ate SJC." The attitude that most commuter students have is that Saint Joseph's College could care less about what a day student could possibly want. The Student Senate has been a big help in discussing the issue of the day students and what it is they need.

As one student put it, "I think that it is a shame that the school cares so little for the day students. All the school wants to do is shelve us in a corner. Our voice

should be heard."

"We have come to a point where we have to accept what we are given, whether it is practical or not. Since we have heard that there is 'no way in hell' that we will get a room in Science, we are going to accept a room in Halleck. I don't understand the staff's reluctance on this because it's not like we have students coming out of the woodwork to fill the mostly empty Science classrooms.

Day Students are a terrific source of income for this college, especially if they would address local needs such as basic computer, math, and English courses available in the evening, and the difficulties day students face," commented Pam Brown.

"I think that Halleck will suffice for the time being. It is our ultimate goal to have a lounge within close proximity of our daily routes," replied Jason Huber.

Highlights from Harlaxton College...

Missing the Little Things

by Elizabeth Lieb

Foreign Correspondent

After almost four months in England, I am feeling a sense of loss. I have realized that I miss the little things that I took for granted when I was home. Here's what I am looking forward to coming back to in a few weeks.

1. St. Joe chicken! (Not to mention Duke of Rib.) I never thought I would say that, but all we ever get here is potatoes. (56 varieties and counting.)
2. The sun. Clouds and rain 6 days a week can really bring you down.
3. Joyce's whistles in the cafeteria. Nobody here really cares if we throw the mashed potatoes...
4. Indiana cornfields. I'm



A completely different view than the corn in Indiana. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Lieb.

- getting really tired of all these sheep.
5. The Grappler. Did he ever come back for a visit?
6. Late night runs to Trail Tree. I miss the truckers.
7. Core lecture! (Just kidding.)
8. Cable TV. There are only four BBC channels here.
9. Taco Bell. Sure we have fast food here, but McDonald's just doesn't sound as good after hearing about British mad cow disease...
10. The Audix Lady. Tell her I said hi!

ACES: The contribution of non-alcoholic activities

by William Shannon

When a "layperson" thinks about recreation on a college campus, visions of parties, drinking and possibly even drug use may come into mind.

This is, however, not the preferred mode of recreation for all students on the Saint Joseph's College campus. These students who were interested in good, wholesome, substance-free entertainment formed a group dedicated to providing these activities for the college community. This group is called ACES, which stands for Alternate Choices and Experiences.

ACES sponsors many activities throughout the year. They host the ever-popular Coconut Joe's, the non-alcoholic night-club. ACES "takes over" Core XI and holds nights of dancing, so-

cializing and non-alcoholic beverages periodically during the academic year. Coconut Joe's will often have a theme, like "Monday Night Football."

ACES also sponsored a Euchre Tournament this year, as they have done in past years. This card game, which is a virtual obsession on campus, is organized into a tournament, with brackets of pairs of competitors. This event provided positive recreation for all involved, without involving alcohol. It provided an alternate choice.

ACES also spearheads activities for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week every year. This week is designed to heighten awareness of the problems that the abuse of alcohol can cause on college campuses and for society in general.

What do ACES members have to say about their organization? Freshman Stephen Giles, an ACES member, states that "the purpose of ACES is to promote the idea of having a good time without having to get drunk." Giles went on to say that ACES thrives on new members and member participation. Therefore, ACES needs to keep its membership up to remain a vital and active campus organization.

ACES exerts a positive influence on the Saint Joseph's College community by providing alternate choices for recreation. ACES knows that everyone likes to have a good time and enjoy leisure activities, and they also know that these activities need not involve drugs or alcohol.

Legacy of campus automobiles still driving strong

by Shannon McDonald

We probably have all seen it on campus, that 1984 "Woody" station wagon that looks like it has made the trip to hell and back. Or how about that black Volvo station wagon that looks like it has been around since the ice age? Well, these guesses are not too far from the truth. These two cars that have been spotted on campus have interesting pasts.

That 1984 Crown Victoria station wagon has been on St. Joe's campus since 1988. It has passed through the hands of Tony and Andy Balas, and youngest brother Ed Balas now drives this beauty. The car's name is Gina. Ed named it on a road trip to Albany. This car has been driven to New York, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Missouri, Atlanta, and various other locations throughout the United States. Gina has appeared in the SJC Homecoming parade with about 20 passengers piled in. Throughout the years this car has traveled over 177,000 miles and, according to Ed, has received "about 5,000 tickets on St. Joe's campus." Ed also said that this station wagon has been described as "the car that can practically drive itself."

Another car on campus with a curious history is a black 1976 Volvo 245 station wagon. This car once belonged to Jason Ostrowski, whose family bought the vehicle brand new in 1976. Jason drove the car throughout high school and that is when the car first appeared on St. Joe's campus. Then, Jason Ostrowski's family informed him that they never wanted to see Black (the car's name) again. So, poor Black sat in front of the SJC water tower from August of 1993 until Christmas with four flat tires and no license plates. Then, Jason was informed that security never wanted to see Black again as well. So, Black was driven to an alley in town and left there. That is when Matt Davy purchased the car from him for twenty-five dollars. As of now, the Volvo has approximately 260,000 miles, and has been to New York, Colorado, California, New Orleans and many other places in the US. So far, Matt has only had to put about \$1000 worth of repairs into this car. Matt also says he can fit everything he owns into Black.

Most people get rather attached to their cars, and some cars have seen a lot in their days. These two particular station wagons, however, have been a fixture on SJC campus for quite some time. It will be a sad day when these kick the bucket. P.S. Gina would like it to be known that she beat Black in a drag race.

*Enjoy Little
500!!!!!!*

Saint Joseph's College

33rd Annual Little 500

April 18, 1996

Davy and committee put finishing touches on the Race and events

by Julia Garcia

The Little 500 Committee, responsible for every year's Little 500 events, has been busy coordinating and organizing the activities for Little 500 weekend.

The duties of the committee, which is comprised of students, include everything involved with the race and events following the race. Setting up the track, finding carts for teams, training drivers,

setting up booths, and creating a program are only a few of the responsibilities of volunteer students that make up the committee.

The Little 500 Committee is also in charge of organizing activities after the race.

Matthew Davy, senior, is the chairman of the committee for this year. Davy volunteered for the position last year. "I have final responsibility for everything that happens at Little 5,"

stated Davy. Although Davy admits that his position is quite time-consuming, he urges other students to volunteer their time.

Davy is aided by other volunteer Saint Joseph's students. Sean Shannon, junior, is Head Track Marshal and is responsible for everything having to do with the track. Valerie Pflum, junior, is in charge of producing the t-shirts for the event. The Little 500

Parade is coordinated by Kurt Krouse, senior. Edward Balas, senior, is in charge of sponsorship and advertising. Setting up and hiring bands is the duty of William Pearson, sophomore.

Faculty have also aided the Little 500 Committee. Bruce Matthews is responsible for the Alumni race. Karen Schiferl is involved with student activities for this Little 500 weekend.

The dedication of the Little 500 Committee guarantees an exciting weekend for all. The fact that fourteen drivers will be racing in the students' race, a number greater than the race has seen in the past four years, proves that the efforts of the committee to encourage new drivers has been successful. Also, the committee managed to book the band "Why Store" to play at the College.

Schedule of Little 500 Events

Wednesday, April 17

Mr. Puma/Little 500 Queen Crowning. Ballroom at 8:00pm.

Friday, April 19

Band-Nick Laramie and the Groove, sponsored by SUB, Ballroom, 8:00pm.

Saturday, April 20

Little 500 Alumni Race, 10:45am.

Little 500 Student Race, 1:00pm.

Various club and organization booths will be placed around the Race area throughout the day.

Halas Mile, old cinder track, 1:30pm.

Little 500 Banquet, Ballroom, 6:30pm.

Band-"The Why Store" Fieldhouse, 8:00pm.



Matt Davy, Ed Balas, and other drivers from 1995 watch as the alumni race is being held. The alumni race begins at 10:45am on Saturday.

photo provided by Matt Davy

Little 500: Vital Statistics

by Jill Peterson

EDWARD BALAS #13 *Friendly Ghost Racing*

Years in Little 500: 4; 2nd, 2nd, & 3rd places

Pit Crew: Fr. Stang, Fr. Tim, Dave, Rachel Barlage,
Danielle Adams, Blair Van Velse

Sponsors: City Office & Pub, Carter Express, Inc., SESCO,
Road Track & Trail

Year: Senior

BRYAN BOWEN #12 *Dead Frog Inactive Racing*, Rookie

Pit Crew: Todd Dibkey, Steve Kaplan, Zack Milito, Jason
Rozanski, Jeffrey Weir

Sponsors: Vincent Braband Insurance, Michael Errington,
K&K Insurance, "Uncle" Mike Vallone

Year: Sophomore

MATT DAVY #53 *Friendly Ghost Racing*

Years in Little 500: 2; 1st and 4th places

Pit Crew: same as Balas

Sponsors: same as Balas

Year: Senior

Strategy: "To remain focused throughout the race. I want
to take it easy and finish. Also, I have the best pit
crew. They are the most experienced and fastest."

MIKE DELPORT #24 *Plug Racing*

Years in Little 500: 2; 11th and 9th places

Sponsors: Little Caesars, Bill Reynolds Racing, The
Gazebo, Rensselaer Antiques and More, Dr. D.J. Harmon

Year: Junior

LISA DILLON #29 *XXX Racing*, Rookie

Pit Crew: Jilly Skrzyszewski

Sponsors: Bob's Kart Shop, Max Torque Clutches, Brian
J. Hertoge, Mom and Dad Dillon, The Class of '99

Year: Freshman

PAUL ERCK #39 *Dead Frog Inactive Racing*, Rookie

Pit Crew: same as Bowen

Sponsors: same as Bowen

Year: Junior

KURT KROUSE #45 *XXX Racing*

Years in Little 500: 1

Sponsors: Gallagher, Crown Net, David Bellar,
Halas, Roseanne ('95) and Keith, Class of 1996

Year: Senior

MARY (PEGGY) MCLEISH *XXX Racing*, Rookie

Sponsors: Rensselaer Lumber, Gifford Racing, Brian McLeish,
Halas Hall, Brian Berrisford, Sophomore Class

Year: Sophomore

TONY ROGOWSKI #44 *Baby Face Racing*, Rookie

Pit Crew: Dan Ulvila, A.J. Van Belkum, John Tiedeman, Jamie
Portal

Sponsors: Mike DeYoung—for use of his car, MAH Machine
Company, Mom

Year: Freshman

FAITH SIEVERS #21 *Friendly Ghost Racing*, Rookie

Pit Crew: same as Balas

Sponsors: Judge Monfort, NBD Bank, T.R. Downey Insurance,
Senior Class, Justin Hall, F.O.E.

Year: Senior

Strategy: "To learn a lot, to finish the race, and to have fun. As a
member of the Friendly Ghost Racing, our pit crew has
some veteran members who can probably re-fuel a kart in
under ten seconds."

JESSE STAMPER, Rookie

Sponsor: Saint Joseph's College Day Students

Year: Sophomore

BRYAN STRASBURGER #99 #99 *Lawn Shop Special*, Rookie

Pit Crew: John Barr, Dan Koleszar

Sponsors: Strasburger Trucking, Inc., Gallagher Hall

Year: Junior

ADAM TORREANO #40 *Shadow Racing*

Years in Little 500: 1, 5th place

Sponsors: True Value Hardware, Accounting/Finance Club,
Tradewinds Inc., Bruce Thompson, Aquinas Hall

Year: Senior

JOSEPH VORRIER #18 *The Psalm 16/Puma Warrior Racing Team*

Years in Little 500: Rookie

Pit Crew: Tony Williams, Will Shannon, Jason Grzegorek, Tamara
Pottinger, Eden Gorczynski, Rita Guerrero, Chris Greski,
Chris Zumstein

Sponsors: 90.5 WPUM Radio, United Parcel Service, Paul Davis
Systems, Noll Hall

Year: Sophomore

Strategy: "Since it is my first time racing a go-kart, I plan to
aim for finishing the race and having fun."

The staff of the *Observer* wishes all those racing good luck!

Messman family adds expertise to Little 500

For years this family has kept the race alive by sponsoring student drivers, building go-karts, and competing in the alumni race

by Cindy Aubuchon

When the roar of the engines thunders throughout campus at the beginning of the Little 500 race on Saturday, you can be sure of one thing: every single engine in this year's race was built and fine-tuned by the Messman family. In fact, the Messman's have kept the annual go-kart race going over the years by participating in both the student and the alumni races, sponsoring students to drive, building go-karts to race, and renting go-karts to students who choose to participate in the race.

A 1990 graduate of Saint Joseph's College, Jon Messman has been go-kart racing for nearly 21 years, including six as a driver in the Little 500 race (four as a student and two as an alumnus). He and his twin brother Tom, Jr. and their father, Tom, Sr., have been involved with the Little 500 race since it became motorized.

Preparing for a race takes a lot of time, energy, and money. "The cost [of a race] depends on whether you buy all new equipment or not," John stated. This year, he bought two new racers; one can cost up to \$2500. The time spent on preparing for a race usually depends on how much time a person is willing to put into preparing for

the race. "[Recently,] I've put in about 11 hours a day. The week before the race, however, I will be working probably 15-20 hours everyday because I love racing and I've had fun doing it." Those long days include preparing students' engines, doing technical inspections at Saint Joe, and preparing his own car for the Alumni race Saturday morning.

His father, Tom Messman, Sr., agreed, "We put in countless hours to prepare for a race."

Though they won't take all of the credit, the Messman's have played a major role in establishing an alumni race and keeping the student race going.

"We fought for an alumni race for seven or eight years," Jon stated. With the implementations of the rule that students may participate in the race for only five years, many alumni were unable to race. Having an alumni race earlier in the day gives those people an avenue to race, and brings many people back to Saint Joe. The Messman's have kept the race going with all of the time, effort, and support they have put into it.

While Jon Messman believes that racing is a hobby for the enjoyment of the sport, Tom, Sr. believes that racing was a hobby that has developed into a career. "If a person is serious, he can spend a lot of money on parts and so on and the hobby winds up being a business."

To the Messman's, racing is a family affair; the friendships developed during racing seasons are remarkable. There is a great deal of comradery involved.

"[In racing,] you can walk away from your tools, leave them out, and come back and they'll still be there as you left them. Oftentimes you lend your tools out, you get them back, and they're in better shape than when you lent them out," Jon commented on the familial relationships developed in racing. Besides racing at Saint Joe, the Messman's have raced on several professional NASCAR tracks, including Indianapolis, Charlotte, and Daytona International Speedways.

Last year, the construction of the new Core Education Center forced race officials to change the course of the track. This year, the street that used to run in front of the Core building no longer

exists, making last year's changes permanent.

According to Jon Messman, "The track was easier to drive last year. The racing was closer, areas were filled, hay bales were changed. The fences may have to be moved so drivers have more room for problems that may occur, but as to the length, I think it should be kept the same."

His father agreed, stating, "The length of the track doesn't matter if it's safe."

The benefits of racing, according to the Messman's, are innumerable. "[Racing] makes you a better driver all around. It improves your reaction time, and you have a better sense of [road] conditions."

Both drivers agree that physical fitness is important. "Athletic training and racing are very important because sometimes racing can be very grueling," Tom Messman, Sr. stated.

"Fatigue can set in easily if you're not prepared," Jon added.

With two generations of Messman's racing, there was little doubt that the third generation of Messman's would be racing. In fact, Tom, Jr. and his wife Ann Marie have already involved their daughter Emma Marie, born March 21, 1996, in the family's go-kart shop in Rensselaer. "She's already been in the shop, but we won't force her to race or become involved if she doesn't want to."



photo provided by Matt Davy

The 1995 Little 500 boasted just under ten drivers. The 1996 33rd Annual Little 500 will boast fourteen drivers, many of whom are rookies.

Friendly Ghost Racing: the End of an Era

Erin Breetzke

The Saint Joseph's College annual Little 500 weekend is a big part of campus life for many students. The infamous Friendly Ghost Racing Team has been a part of this weekend for the past several years.

First developed by alumni Jason Ostrowski, Mike Stader, and Steve Koos (1995's Little 500 Champion), through the years, new members have joined the team.

These members include Senior Ed Balas, Senior Matt Davy (who has been a member of the Friendly Ghost Racing Team for the past three years), and Senior Faith Sievers (who is a second year member).

These students make up the 1996 Friendly Ghost Racing team, and each has become involved for his or

her own reasons.

"Jason and Mike were my roomies at first. I was in their pit crew. I bought Mike's cart and raced the next year," Davy commented.

Seivers has her own reasons for becoming involved in the big event.

"I want to learn a lot, and I want to make sure people know that men aren't the only one's who can play with engines," she said with a smile. "My main goal is to have fun because I've seen my friends who are involved have fun," she added.

Though the team is fully developed now, through the years, new members have been added one by one.

"Steve is a mutual friend of ours [Ostrowski, Stader], Ed is my roommate now, and Faith is my fiance," Davy explained.

Involvement in the

Little 500 weekend is exhilarating, and it definitely offers an opportunity to have fun. This keeps the team members coming back year after year.

"It's a heck of a lot of fun! There's nothing better than going 60 miles an hour when your butt is just inches from the ground," Davy commented.

As with any new experience, those involved walk away learning something new.

"I've learned a lot about patience. Sometimes things go wrong, and you just have to deal with it and learn. That's the way it goes," Davy asserted.

With each new member and each year that passed, this team developed a history of finishing extremely well in the race.

"I won two years ago on my birthday as a rookie, and I placed fourth last year,

Ed finished second last year, Jason finished second the year before I won, and the year before Jason, Ed finished second," Davy stated.

Because of this history of winning and because of the fact that two of the team members are veterans to the race, this year looks promising.

"[This year] looks fairly good, above average. It's anyone's game and anything can happen," Davy commented.

Because this year's Friendly Ghost Racing Team is made entirely of alumni members and seniors, in essence, this is the last year the team will race as a student team. As an alumni team, however, the tradition may continue.

"I definitely plan on being here every year they have the race," Davy stated.

What Little 500 Means to Me...

"It is a weekend where most students take a break from their studies and are able to act stupid freely!"

--Liz Sawyer, Sophomore

"The whole SJC community is in high spirits. It shows the whole experience of college in one day!"

--Sharon Bowling, Senior

"Little 500 gives everyone something to look forward to. It is one of the most exciting weekends at St. Joe's!"

--Joyce Polen, Sophomore

"I am looking forward to Little 500, it should be fun! I cannot wait to see who wins!"

--Jamie Portal, Freshman

"I am looking forward to having a fun-filled weekend with all my friends!"

--Chrissy Chianelli, Freshman

"There is no one thing I like especially about Little 500. I enjoy the whole weekend!"

--Andy Hicks, Sophomore

"The best part of Little 500 is all the Scooby snacks!"

--Phil McGrath, Sophomore

"The best part of Little 500 this year is that the Why Store is going to play here!"

--Greg Cleaver, Sophomore

"I cannot wait till Little 500 to see people crash in the race!"

--Brett Berndt, Junior

"Bottoms up!"

--Bryan Bowen, Sophomore

"That Ed guy...he's the coolest! He'll win for sure."

--Edward Balas, Senior

Racing: Big Money or Big Fun?

by Jamie Riberto

For love or money? Little 500 is a major event that takes place on our campus every year. This year the Little 500 race will take place on Saturday, April 20th at 1:00 p.m.

The question is, do the drivers participate because of the money that is awarded to the winners or because they simply love the thrill and fun of racing? This question was proposed to many of our Little 500 drivers this year.

When you really look at Little 500 as a whole, you realize that not everyone can win, so if people were out there for the money, then why would they put in all the hours they do getting sponsors and working on their karts?

Plus, many of the drivers rent their karts and are responsible for any damages that might occur to the kart as a result of the race. If they were racing for money, they might not end up making a profit in the end if something did happen to the kart. According to Senior Edward Balas, "It is a risky endeavor financially."

The most predominant reason that most drivers participate in Little 500 is because of the excitement of the weekend as a whole. Little 500 is one of the biggest and most exciting weekends on campus, and many drivers as well as others involved behind the scenes want to be involved in such a big event because of the thrill it creates

on campus. They want to be able to say that they had a part in such an incredible and memorable event.

Matt Davy, who is a driver this year, said that he would race even if there was no money offered as a reward. He won \$500 dollars in 1994, when he won the race. Davy said that the prize money is an extra incentive, but mostly he is out there more for the fun.

Sophomore Peggy McLeish, who will be racing for her first time this year after participating in a pit crew last year, said that she was driving for the excitement rather than the money.

"I like the excitement of the day. It is a nice way for everyone at Saint Joe's to be friendly with one another! In

general, it is a really relaxed atmosphere all weekend!"

However, Senior Edward Balas put another spin on the event.

"&@#\$ fun! I need the money to feed my baby giraffe. He's growing like a weed," Balas commented.

Senior Kurt Krouse, who has been said to have a huge grin on his face for the duration of the race, stated, "It's fun, man! It's almost better than sex. I race due to the physiological stimulation and the increased neuronal activity in my dopaminergic pathways."

Thus, according to most participants, Little 500 drivers are more concerned about having a good time than winning.

Students speak out

"The environment needs all the help it can get. I think people should take at least one day out of the year to help the environment, if not more."

—Barry Lechowicz, freshman

"Every day is Earth Day."

—Danielle Adams, sophomore

"I like our environment because I like eating."

—Any Hicks, sophomore

"Hopefully the week that we (the Environmental Club) have planned will be a success. We are taking steps to make sure the school becomes more environmentally aware."

—Dave Dixon, freshman

"Two words: static electricity. There is enough static electricity to power everything on the earth. The earth is full of static electricity."

—Pete Thompson, sophomore

"As a future teacher, I think the importance of Earth Day should be emphasized especially in the schools in order to educate students on how to recycle and preserve the earth."

—Karey Klott, junior

"I think Earth Day is great. Hopefully it will inspire people to become more aware of the ecological issues we have to face as we move into the next century. I think we, as human beings worldwide, have done a lot since the early 80's to preserve our planet. But at the same time we cannot become complacent with the strides that have been taken. The more we are willing to do now, the more our children and grandchildren can enjoy their health and environment."

—Jeremy White, sophomore

Day Students: An integral part of SJC

by William Shannon

A constant topic of discussion, debate, argument and complaint is the state and concerns of the dorm buildings. These structures that house part of the Saint Joseph's College community are of great importance to the people who live in them. Not all Saint Joseph's College students, however, live in dormitory buildings. Many SJC students are commuters who come to campus for classes and activities. These are the day students.

Day students make up a good portion of the SJC student population. Day students choose to commute because they live close, would rather live in off-site housing to that of the dormitory buildings, work and/or have families or any number of other reasons. What accommodations are made for these important members of our campus community?

There are some special considerations that are given to the day students that make their lives at Saint Joseph's easier. They are provided mail boxes to "keep them posted" on campus activities and to deliver important communiques and also The Observer (yeah!) All day students are also afforded e-mail accounts and full access to the computer facilities that are open to the rest of the student body.

Day students also have elected representatives in the Student Association to represent them and speak to about their concerns. What are some concerns of day students?

The main dialogue dealing with day students as of late has been about the day student lounge. This would be a space that the day students could use to study or socialize between classes or whenever they needed it. Other students have dorms and the like, but not the day students. The problem is finding space for this facility. That is keeping the plans on hold and the day students without a place to meet or congregate.

The school must be sensitive to the needs and positions of day students. They are an integral part of the Saint Joseph's College community. After all, you don't have to live here to be a Puma.

The Zimmer Reviews



by Brian Zimmer

All who are familiar with the epic history of my hair, know that I am not an ardent supporter of the status quo. It's hard for me to support the same thing for too long without a need for a change.

The status quo is accepted entirely too much on the campus of Saint Joseph's College. People have done things for so long that it becomes the only way of doing things. All other alternatives or changes are dismissed with reasons like, "its tradition" and "that's how I was taught when I was a freshman."

Take for example the entertainment on campus, more specifically, the bands. Danger Will Robinson wasn't bad at all and Satta was kind of fun, but the fact of the matter is that they were within a year of each other with very little in between.

What is really lacking on campus is a local, original, music scene and a commitment to book bands of record label quality with some regularity.

In Star Trek, Kirk chastizes Spock for "Arrogant Presumption" when Spock assumes that everybody would want to save the Klingons (it all comes back to Star Trek, man). I'm not saying that everybody wants to see bands every night or that they want to save any Klingons, but on nights when good bands are here, the student body seems to attend in fairly respectable numbers.

What I am saying is that within our region, there are more than 1,000 bands that are dying to play at a college like ours. They would cost about \$1,000 or less to book (I checked) which would leave money to have other events. We could even save that money to get a larger band (in status) or several smaller bands in one day.

Through WPUM, I have a working relationship with every major label and several smaller labels. By booking talent through WPUM, I believe the campus has the opportunity

to, for once, brag about our on campus activities instead of looking on jealously at the entertainment that other colleges and universities get for their student body.

Here are two bands we will NEVER book.

Rage Against the Machine, "Evil Empire." It's hard to get excited about a follow up to an album that sounded much the same. Rage Against the Machine however, manages to make the redundant seem pretty exciting. On "Evil Empire" the lyrics of Zack de la Rocha attack the usual guilty parties like the U.S. government (accused of being the evil empire), General Electric, commercial radio, and the caucasian establishment. On this album it becomes painfully obvious that this band has played itself into a corner. The beats, bass-line, and guitar are frighteningly similar to the previous album. In fact the only things that have a hint of originality are the lyrics of de la Rocha. Songs like "People of the Sun" and "Down Rodeo" are still pretty exciting to listen to but other songs are just plain boring. Live, I'm 100% sure, they could make all of these songs solid work. Unfortunately, the guys from Rage Against the Machine are not performing for me as I write this. Originality: 3.1 Sound Quality: 6.3 Musicianship: 5.7 Overall: 6.4 (you do the math)

Self Subliminal, "Plastic Motives." This album really surprises me in many ways. I'll give you two. First, Self's sound is a cross between Weezer, That Dog, Gravity Kills, and a hybrid of some sort of 70's mall pop. The second is that it works very well for this band. The band sings in perfect pop-ish harmony, sometimes behind thick guitar with huge power chords, other times behind a groovy rhythm guitar and synth sound. Finally, on many songs Self says, "What the hell, let's put it all together." On this album Self criticizes a few pop culture phenomenon and do it with a finely crafted hook. Punk, kick, bite, sugar, and sauce (baby like sauce) this album has enough to go around. Originality: 9.0 Sound Quality: 8.3 Musicianship 7.9 Overall: 8.0

REMINDER:

The Environmental Club is celebrating

Earth Week

April 22-26

Sunday: poster making party (7-8:30ish) at Halleck Earth Day Wall.

Monday: Side walk chalk art around the campus about earth Week.

Tuesday: Campus Clean-up. We need all the help we can get.

Wed.-Fri.: Updates later.

Saturday: Movie marathon

Athletic Profile: Figlio Finishing Fine Career as Softball Great

by John Osborne

As the Puma softball team's season is winding down this year, so is the fourteen-year softball career of one of its top players, Senior Danielle Figlio.

As things stand right now, the Pumas are 7-22 overall and 4-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. If there is a silver lining in their cloudy season, it might very well be Figlio. Through twenty-three games, she is batting a solid .382 (10th in the GLVC) with four homeruns (2nd) and 18 RBIs (3rd). Not bad statistics, considering Figlio was not even recruited out of high school by former Coach Ernest Watson. In the eyes of her current coach, Mark Settle, Danielle is one of the most valuable players on and off the

field because of her charisma and the intensity she brings with her.

"She is our Go To player," Settle said. "She fills her offensive very well and provides what we need in the fifth position. Off the field she is a great team leader. She not only can play ball, but she has a good sense of humor and the other girls look up to her."

Figlio is a four year starter for the Pumas. Her first three seasons she played third base, but following surgery on a blown out knee last year, she was moved to first. Although she downplays her role as a team leader, her stats and intensity on the field speak for themselves. Unquestionably she is one of the best to ever suit up for the Pumas, but as she sees it, playing softball has done more for her than she has for it.

"Playing softball here has added to my college experience," Figlio said. "I have made a lot of great friends and that's very important. At times it gets hectic because we play almost every day, but it has not taken anything away from me. It has been good for my academics and, since I came here for an education, that's important."

This year the Pumas gained a new coach in Settle, which was an adjustment for Figlio because she considered herself very close to Watson. However, the player and new coach have adjusted nicely to each other with a tremendous amount of mutual respect.

"Mark has done a good job," she said. "It's been different because in many ways Mark is the complete opposite of Ernest, but we get along well and

I've enjoyed playing for him."

Competitive sports inherently bring their shares of highs and lows, and Figlio has experienced both in her career here. Naturally, her lowest point came when she had to sit out during the Puma's strong finish in the conference tournament due to her knee injury. There is nothing worse, she says, than feeling like "I couldn't do anything." But more times than not, her career has been rewarding. Among her biggest thrills, she places the Puma's upset victory over Indianapolis in last year's GLVC tournament and her sophomore year when she was voted All-Conference (both academically and athletically) above the rest.

"No one expected us to go anywhere in the tournament," she said. "We went in ranked seventh and finished third." Of her All-conference honors, she said, "That felt great. Your coach can tell you good job all the time, but for all the other coaches in the conference to feel you deserve it, is an accomplishment."

As for her feelings regarding the teams performance this year, she says people should look beyond the record, because it is not indicative of how well they

are playing. According to Figlio, they have one bad inning that seems to do them in every time, but very few of their losses have been blow-outs. She also feels they have a decent shot of bringing home the conference championship.

"Any team has an honest-to-God shot at winning the Conference," she said. "We have beaten teams that have beaten other teams we have lost to, so it proves that anybody can have an off day."

The Conference Tournament will be held at the University of Southern Indiana on April 26. Between now and then, the Pumas have sixteen games left to prove they deserve to wear the championship rings. Unfortunately, when the tournament is over, so is Figlio's career as a Puma. She will graduate in May with a degree in Accounting and then "hopefully get a job," but a part of her will always miss her days at Saint Joseph's.

"I try not to look too far into the future," Figlio said. "I take things day by day and see how they go, but I'm sure I will miss it a lot," she said. "Without my teammates and coaches these last four years I would not be half as good as I am."

Figlio, too, will be missed by her teammates, who lose a great friend, and by her coach who will lose an outstanding softball player.

"Danielle will be tough to replace, on and off the field," Settle said. "I will miss her a lot, and so will the team."

SID heads to '96 Olympic Games

by James Wirtes

What do Scottie Pippen, Hakeem Olajuwon and David Robinson have in common with Joe Danahey? They will all be on the same floor this summer in Atlanta, Georgia for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Saint Joseph's College Sports Information Director, Joe Danahey, has been selected to work at the Georgia Dome for both the men's and women's basketball games of the 1996 Olympics.

"I was shocked, I couldn't believe it. I figured because I was so young I wouldn't be selected," said a jubilant Danahey when he heard the news.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games sent out volunteer applications to every SID in the nation in November. After some encouragement, Danahey sent in his application with three preferences of where he would like to work. He got word in December that he had been selected to work at the Georgia Dome for all sessions of the basketball games, including the gold medal games.

"It's all voluntary, but it is a dream come true. It

probably won't seem real until I see the Dream Team on the court in person," commented Danahey. With this being a voluntary opportunity, Danahey says he will be receiving sponsorship from St. Joseph's College for travel expenses.

Danahey's official duties as Photo Marshall will be checking the credentials of photographers. "Even with me being young, I think the committee liked the experience I've had at the Division II national tournaments," continued Danahey.

Some of his experience includes being the official scorer at the North Central Regional Baseball Tournament and a liaison between the media and coaches at the 1995 Division II Elite Eight basketball tournament in Louisville. At the 1996 Division two basketball finals in Louisville last month, Danahey was in charge of press credentials.

Danahey is a graduate of Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois and was named Sports Information Director at St. Joseph's College in December of 1994. Now in his third year at St. Joseph's, Danahey, 26, credits Men's basketball coach Bill Bland and Track coach Bill Maessols with giving him his

start at St. Joseph's. "I owe a lot to them for helping my career get started. I always say if it wasn't for them, Joe Danahey and St. Joseph's College would never have met," states Danahey. He also credits the student-athletes he is around every day with his love for his job. "They make this job worth it. I love being around the athletes and the coaching staff. This staff is great to work with day in and day out and the athletes keep everything interesting," continues Danahey who also states that he keeps in touch with the student-athletes after they graduate.

Danahey reports for his duties on July 19th and will be in Atlanta until August 4th. "I will be working eight hour days so I am not sure if I will have any time at all to see any other events," finished Danahey who will also be working at the gymnastics venue.

Well, dreams really do come true and for Joe Danahey, being on the same floor with the greatest basketball players in the world will be the chance of a lifetime. For Joe Danahey, working at the Olympics could be a door opener for opportunities down the road. For St. Joseph's College, it will be great exposure for this small Indiana school.

Good Luck Puma Graduates!

Year in review, con't--

5-4 overall and 2-3 in the conference. Senior Steve Errington, Junior Darren Haas, and Sophomore James Blinzinger are leading the way for the team. The Pumas will compete in the Conference tournament April 18th-20th.

The Puma baseball team is having another good year as they have rounded the bags far more times than their opponents. They are currently ranked 10th in the nation after having been 6th earlier this season. The Pumas

are 27-7 and 17-2 in the conference. This has them in front of the crowd and looking forward to post-season tournament play. Mike Moyzis, in his eighth year at Saint Joe, is doing nothing but good things with the team. He coached them to a 38-16-2 record last season.

No matter what the sport, when it comes time to play, the Pumas are always ready. Be sure to come out and support your hard-working Puma athletes not only finishing this year, but in the years to come as well!

Puma Sports: The Year in Review

Pumas pounce on opponents, take a pounding from others

by Kevin Collins

The SJCampus has had a number of times to cheer this year and many of them are thanks to the Puma athletics teams. The Pumas have had to take the good and the bad as they have had both great seasons and less than stellar ones throughout the course of this year. Whether they were having a super season or not, the teams represented Saint Joseph's College through their sportsmanship and the effort that they put into their competition.

The 95-96 year was kicked into drive by the biggest team on campus, both in numbers and in size, the football team. Football had somewhat of a rough season as they ended up with a record of 1 and 9. This was a transition year for the team as they had an all-new coaching staff. The only returning coach was Head Coach Joe Palka and the head coaching job was a new

position for him. They took on a "Play to Win," not a "Play Not to Lose" mentality and just came up short most of the time. A bright spot for the team was Zak Wells. He was second team All Conference and first team Academic All-Conference. Also he was the second leading tackler in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference. The team will compete as a NCAA Division II independent team next season.

Women's tennis also played in the fall. They were a young team this season and finished fifth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Junior Manda Hollis was the top player for the team as she was voted to the All-Conference team. Head coach John Barrientos is looking forward to next year and is optimistic how the team will do.

Cross Country was another sport of the fall season. The men and women both had pretty good seasons. The women ended up finishing fifth in the GLVC and ninth in the Great Lakes Region. A star for the team was Laura Witek as she was All-Conference, finished eight at regionals, and was

a second year Academic All-American.

The Men's team finished seventh at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships and the regionals.

Men's and Women's soccer were the final sports for the fall season. These teams faced both ends of the good and bad spectrum under the guidance of Head Coach Mike Minielli. The men had a rather disappointing year finishing with a record of 8-14 and being seventh in the GLVC. They were a young team though, as they did not have the experience of any seniors to draw from. One good spot for the Pumas was Bill Gill, who led the team in scoring.

The women had a pretty good year as they went 14-7 overall. Denise Hutchinson and Allison McDonough are a couple of reasons why the team did well. Hutchinson led the GLVC with 12 shutouts and both girls pulled the honors of being All-GLVC, All Central Region, and All-American Honorable Mention.

Volleyball was the next sport on the schedule. These ladies played their hearts out despite finishing with a disappointing record of 5 and 24. They were 3-17 in the conference. Head Coach Linda Deno and Assistant Coach Kevin Furnish are looking forward to next year and a chance to improve on the experience of this year.

Men's and Women's basketball both faced some hard times this past season. The men, under third-year Head Coach Bill Bland, went 12-15 overall and 8-12 in the GLVC. This led them to finish seventh in the conference. There were some bright spots for the men though. They defeated the third ranked Screaming Eagles of Southern Indiana in a nail-biter 82-80. Also, Senior Kevin Denson moved up to fifth on the all time scoring list with a total of 1470 points throughout his four year career. The fact that the Puma competition was tough is evident in that for the third straight year a GLVC team has made it to the final game of the Division II championships.

The women had a little better year as they achieved a record of 17-10 overall and 12-8

in the conference. They finished fifth in the conference under the tutelage of Head Coach Lynn Plett and Assistant Coach Leslie Pottinger. A couple of the keys to victory were Junior transfer, Tami Pottinger and Senior Mindy Metzger. Pottinger, first team All-GLVC, led the conference in rebounding, and was third in scoring. Metzger was voted Honorable Mention All-GLVC and was in the top ten in steals for the GLVC.

The softball team, which is currently in action, is 9-23 overall and 6-9 in the GLVC. Head Coach Mark Settle is taking his young team into the GLVC tournament at the end of this month, April 26-28. Freshman Katie Roop and Senior Danielle Figlio are hitting well for the Pumas.

Track, also in season right now, is completing a successful season. The men are ranked eleventh in the nation and the women are ranked in the number 10 spot. Junior Laura Witek and sophomores Bryan Hall and Toby Cheatham have been winning consistently for the teams. Laura has qualified for the nationals in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters. The track team is coached by the ever-voisterous Bill Massoels.

Men's tennis is having a rather average year as they are

"The Road to Montgomery" in the Cards for Baseball Team

by Erin Breetzke

As the school year winds down, baseball season pushes on. Currently ranked number 10 in Division two, the Saint Joseph's College baseball team is looking forward to finishing out the rest of the season, yet still has a lot to accomplish.

"Everything's been going well and hopefully everything is going to grow," Junior pitcher Jame Holt stated.

The season started out with a lot of confidence, and as the games continue and the season pushes on, there seems to be a lot of motivation behind the players.

"Because we're expected to do so well, we don't want to let ourselves down," Sophomore infielder Dave Faust commented.

As a second year team captain, Senior shortstop Larry Glozier does his job keeping the team motivated and helping ev-

eryone achieve their goals.

"[We want] to have fun and be loose, but to be intense when we need to pick it up," Glozier stated. "As a captain, [it's] keeping everyone upbeat and having fun, and keeping everyone in the game," he added.

Since the team started their spring practices, they have learned many new things.

"We can't take things for granted," Junior second-baseman Lou Pinto said.

Senior center-fielder Art Carrison believes that everyone needs to make things happen.

"We went into this season a little cocky. We came back from Florida and realized we can't just expect to win. Florida gave us a kick in the butt. As a team we had to work harder to win," Carrison stated. "I just went out there and played, [and] I'm trying to make things hap-

pen and not just wait for them to happen," he added.

The season is only half over, and the players are looking forward to the upcoming month.

"Our goal is to make it to the College World Series. We just need to keep doing what we're doing, and don't take anything for granted," Faust stated.

Glozier agrees that jumping the gun can harm the team, and Little 500 weekend, when they play Lewis and Quincy, will be exhilarating.

"[We want] to win the conference outright," he commented. "We're looking forward to [Little 500] weekend, but not too far ahead," he added.

The ultimate goal of the team is to reach, and win, the College World Series in Montgomery, Alabama. Just as

their theme this year is "The Road to Montgomery," the team is working hard at making this goal a reality.

"What we're doing is to go out and play hard," Junior pitcher Marc Macias commented. "The thing [to achieving our goal] is working hard and winning our games and working as a team," he added.

Carrison is in agreement that teamwork can take the team anywhere.

"Working hard has to be our number one goal. If we work hard, we can accomplish anything we want," he stated.

All in all, team members are confident that this 1996 spring season will turn out for the best.

"I think that right now the team hasn't reached its potential yet, and that's sort of good, because near the end of the season when it counts, we'll reach our potential," Macias stated.

Freshman pitcher Jake Zajc is optimistic about the finish of the season as well.

"We're on a roll now. As far as I see it, as long as we play within ourselves and for ourselves, we'll go as far as we can go," he commented.

Even though the school year is near an end, team members are still excited to finish the season with the fans by their sides.

"I love when I go out there and the bleachers are filled and the fans help support us," Carrison commented. "It makes me want to be out there," he added.

Glozier stressed that the team has drive, determination, and will continue to push on.

"Never give up on us. We have a 'never die' attitude, and we never give up," he stated.

Reflections of Faith



Photo by Jen Palecek

by Faith Sievers

I know this is the Little 500 edition and that you probably expect this article to be about the race, but being the non-conformist that I am, I'm breaking from such thematic restraint. I'm writing about dirty underwear.

The Little 500 chairman informed me in passing the other day that he was out of clean underwear. He proceeded to put not only his dirty underwear, but many pairs of dirty jeans, dirty towels, dirty shirts, and dirty socks into the washer.

Granted, to witness such filth is in itself frightening, but the worst part of all was the fact that he was stripped down to his boxers (dirty boxers I remind you) and everything he owned was stuffed into ONE washing machine. I repeat, ONE!

The agitator (or for those laundry inept out there, the big cone-shaped thing in the middle that twists and turns) was completely covered. In fact, the whole tub was full. He had to SIT on the lid in order to get it to shut!

Well, I calmly (or as calmly as a female with mothering instincts can possibly be) informed him that there was no way on earth that his clothes would get clean. That's when he remembered that he didn't put in any detergent, hopped off the machine, poured about a gallon of soap directly onto his clothes, crammed them back into the machine, and plopped back down on the lid.

In most cases, adding laundry detergent greatly improves the chances that your clothes will get clean, but not in this case. There was no way that all of his clothes would even get wet, let alone sudsed, rinsed and spun.

In order to abstain from the sort of stereotypical blanket statements about males that I engaged in last issue, I emphasize that just because the Chairman of Little

500 doesn't know how to wash his clothes doesn't mean that there aren't men who do laundry, then hang it out to dry under the five suns of Planet Xoomin, where they live.

Guys on Earth hate doing laundry even more than mothers with fourteen children hate doing laundry! Most do not do more than they absolutely have to. And college guys, not only do they hate laundry, but they are poor too. They scavenge a couple of quarters out of the love seat and they're set to wash their whole wardrobe.

Some college males do not believe in the contraption of a washing machine. They simply use what laundry scientists call the pile system, wherein you put your dirty undershorts on the floor until they form a waist-high pile, thus subjecting the bottom shorts to intense heat and pressure that causes them to become, over several months, clean enough to wear if you're desperate enough and spray them with Right Guard.

Women out there, if a college guy ever offers to help you with your laundry (first get him some psychological help) then get some tags with washing instructions that read:

DO NOT MACHINE WASH. DO NOT BLEACH. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. DO NOT USE WARM WATER. IN FACT, DO NOT USE ANY WATER. DO NOT EVEN TOUCH THIS GARMENT UNLESS YOU ARE WEARING STERILIZED SURGICAL GLOVES. PUT THIS GARMENT DOWN IMMEDIATELY, YOU CLUMSY OAF.

Some women follow a complex procedure involving sorting and pre-soaking and twenty-seven different combinations of water temperatures and chemical compounds such as fabric softener, stain remover, fabric hardener, cream rinse, ointments, suppositories, enriched plutonium, etc.

A woman wouldn't let a guy do her laundry unless he underwent years of training, because she assumes that he'd screw up and cause her garments to shrink down to cute little Barbie Doll clothes, or to transmateralize in the dryer, similar to what happened to that unfortunate man in the movie THE FLY, so that she'd wind up with, for example, a brassiere that had pant legs.

Little 500 is (finally) upon us

by Kathleen Brass

All around campus the energy has been alive and active all week. From the Mr. Puma contest, to the bands on campus this weekend, to the planning of parties around campus, and to the races Saturday, the epitome of SJC is upon us. It is almost Little 500!

Some freshman and transfer students around campus may not realize the significance of this weekend yet. But, by the time all the festivities have ended on Sunday, and the hangovers are recovered from sometime next week, they will. This is, possibly, the best week to be on campus.

And, with a new year and a new race comes a new era. This year, not only are there 9 first-timers driving,

but 3 of them are female. WHOOPEE! This is a very monumental step for the once all-male Saint Joseph's College. I dare say it even signifies women's liberation!

I am very excited by the fact that almost one-fifth of the racers are of the female persuasion. I think it shows that things are definitely changing, being that last year there was only one female among the male-abundant race.

Even though I am thrilled that there is more of a balance among the drivers this year, there are many more things to be excited about. For instance, there will be so many activities going on around campus, it will almost not be like our normal campus. People are flocking to Rensselaer from all over, not only for the alumni race, but for the first annual

Halas mile. Also, there are going to be booths galore this year. (An extension of the good ol' beer and brat tent of normal years.)

Of course, with Little 500 among us, I offer a bit of advice to get you through the weekend.

1. Lock your doors! (Just ask Rachel Barlage what can happen if a drunk alumni member gets a hold of your Winnie the Pooh.)
2. Get out there and participate in the activities. Little 500 is only as good as you make it!
3. (The most important point) Remember that you have classes on Monday. It is the last week of classes for the semester, and your last chance to bring those grades back to a passing level!



Senior Andrea Bernardon took this beautiful photo in Willis Wharf, Virginia on a Habitat for Humanity trip during spring break in 1994. This pond was hidden behind some shrubs off of a side road near the Wharf. Bernardon, a business management major, enjoys photography and is always looking for photo opportunities. She took this photo on a break from her Habitat activities.